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In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm entering the week. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were present. Supplies ranged usually sufficient to at times tight and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for a fair to moderate demand. Spent hen supplies were at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for small and unchanged for the balance. Midwest delivered prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good, best where features were present. Loose egg demand was usually moderate. Supplies were in balance to tight and were held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.		
				RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-56	50-53	LARGE	28-37	32
LARGE	46-55	48-51	MEDIUM	19-25	23
MEDIUM	37-46	39-42	SMALL	5-9	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to close for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate and demand was noted as fair to moderate demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-70	56-59
LARGE	50-64	55-59
MEDIUM	39-52	44-46

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good, especially in areas with feature activity. Loose egg demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were in balance to tight and were still being held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58.5-67	60-63
LARGE	56.5-65	58-61
MEDIUM	44.5-53	46-49

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm, mostly full steady. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies were usually sufficient for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were irregular for the fair demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	
MOSTLY		EXTRA LARGE
51.25-62	56-59	LARGE
	54-57	M E -
DIUM	38-48	41-45

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices on extra large, large and medium were unchanged when compared to last Friday. Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	64-68
LARGE	62-66
MEDIUM	51-55

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-62	55-57
LARGE	52-60	53-55
MEDIUM	43-51	44-46

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 5 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large, 6-7 cents higher on large, and 4-5 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 3% lower than last Monday with California down 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 4%. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings held confidently.

CALIFORNIA Prices 5 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large and large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 7% lower than last week. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in firm hands. Small benchmark price 62.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	108
EXTRA LARGE	101
LARGE	91
MEDIUM	82

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-309	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	EXTRA LARGE	Not
LARGE	179-219	LARGE	Available
MEDIUM	179-189	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 28, 2005 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 21, 2005 were 195,262 cases which was 0 percent below the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	152,105	43,157	195,262

% change from the prior week.....	-1	+2	-0

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	32-34	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-23	19-21

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were more than sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-OCT-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.5	12-13	12.67
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were lower than a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-OCT-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.25-15.5	11.75-13	12.38

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2005

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - OCTOBER 24, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.5	17.5	8.0	13.3	61.2
	Change	1.8	-0.7	0.9	2.1	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	33.3	50.7	13.9	23.8	156.6
	Change	2.9	-2.4	-0.8	-3.0	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	65.3	123.5	65.4	98.2	458.5
	Change	13.0	-30.6	9.0	11.6	0%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.9	48.9	18.5	20.5	131.6
	Change	4.2	-3.8	2.5	0.6	6%
Small	Curr Wk	6.0	6.9	2.0	3.9	21.1
	Change	3.7	-1.8	-0.9	0.9	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.8	30.7	10.0	16.6	65.2
	Change	-0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.8	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.7	34.3	26.1	29.9	136.4
	Change	-0.3	-40.5	-4.9	-5.2	-29%
Total	Curr Wk	152.5	312.5	143.9	206.2	1030.6
Percent	Change	20%	-20%	4%	3%	-5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,030.6	-5%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	236.5	-1%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,267.1	-4%	204

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA	
	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY
NORTHEAST	127.5	392.5	138.6	200.0	1081.8

falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
 North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
 South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
 South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
 Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 21, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 11.00								FUTURE LOADS 19.50		TOTAL LOADS 30.50						
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	35.50	—	—	38.00	—	—	4.00	GNR W 1	44.00	47.00	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GL W XL	—	—	49.00	51.00	—	—	5.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GL W LG	—	—	45.00	47.00	—	—	4.50	GL W MD	37.25	—	—	—	—	45.00	3.00	
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	33.25	—	2.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GL W SM	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	—	1.00									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00									
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00									
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00									

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/17/05-10/21/05

CURRENT LOADS 63.50								FUTURE LOADS 67.25		TOTAL LOADS 130.75						
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	34.13	37.33	33.50	35.67	42.00	38.00	22.00	GNR W 1	43.75	49.23	—	—	—	—	12.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	67.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	51.00	—	—	—	—	62.00	1.00	
GL W J	—	—	51.00	52.00	—	51.00	2.50	GL W XL	—	51.33	—	—	—	56.49	13.75	
GL W XL	44.67	48.41	47.13	46.43	41.51	—	40.50	GL W LG	—	49.56	—	51.50	—	51.00	12.00	
GL W LG	—	47.15	43.50	45.33	37.75	—	21.00	GL W MD	37.08	—	—	—	—	41.17	6.00	
GL W MD	33.00	35.50	—	32.14	30.20	33.00	9.75	GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	85.75	.25	
GL W SM	26.50	29.00	23.25	24.75	22.75	25.75	8.00	NRBS - 48	—	26.00	—	—	—	26.00	11.00	
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	69.00	—	.25	NRBS - 39	17.00	17.50	—	—	—	—	2.00	
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	34.00	—	—	.25									
NRBS - 48	23.00	27.00	—	—	34.50	32.85	43.00									
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00									
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00									

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/17/05	10/10/05	10/18/04
PACIFIC COAST	106	115	351
LOS ANGELES	103	112	319

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, higher on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate to good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	73.86
LARGE	70.86
MEDIUM	58.86
SMALL	45.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS 10/04/05

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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